

Call to order by David Paganelli at 6:05.

In attendance: David Paganelli, Annie Penfield, Erik Skarsten, Micahel Sacca, Rob Stainton and Donna Foster.

Annie - moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Seconded by Erik, passed unanimously.

1. Public Input and Concerns

- i. Possible motorized vehicle on forest trails and need for barricade to prohibit on trails
- ii. Dismantling of stone walls noted and need for signage to alert public to leave walls and other artifacts intact

2. Friends of Ashley Forest

- a. How to utilize people who are interested in helping with the purpose of the Ashley Community Forest.
 - i. Potential work day for clearing brush on the main trail.
 - ii. Social Media accounts - potentially a Facebook page. Potential for a student internship.
 - iii. Web pages on Town websites - need updating. Should be populated with accurate information.
 - iv. Own webpage - part of the student internship. So that ACF has the ability to change and manipulate the content.
 - v. Invite Friends of Ashley Community Forest to next meeting on 19th May - Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford.

3. Educational Programming - confirmed and tentative for this summer. Titles of programming are tentative.

- a. May 14th - Kids Walk: Be A Nature Detective (0 to 10), 9:30 to 11:30 - with Meghan Teachout.
- b. May 28th - Bird Walk 7:30 to 10:00 Kathy Thompson/Susan Tiholiz
- c. June 5th - Naturalists/Pollinators Walk - Nathaniel Sharp Time to be confirmed.
- d. June 11th - Stone of Ashley - Paul Kristensen. Time to be confirmed.
- e. June 25th or 26th - Reminiscing About the Land - Tyler Robinson (Tentative)
- f. June 18th or 19th Exploring Wetlands (Tentative)
 - i. More to come.

4. Update from Recreation and Public Work Use Group - gathering information stage to develop possible recreational uses.

- a. Trail Mapping with a plan to create more trails and uses.
- b. Public Input - landowner meetings, email leaders of recreational use groups.
 - i. Survey Monkey - questions about uses of the forest for the community.
- c. Recreational uses to be explored and outlined for plan

- Is there a model out there for a Recreational Use plan - maybe Richmond, Vermont and Hinesburg, Vermont.

5. Develop a plan for the segmentation of Interim Forest Management Plan

- i. Education plan has been started.
- ii. Recreation and Public Use has been started.
- iii. Forest Management Plan - draft.
- iv. Wildlife Habitat
- v. Ecology

6. Discuss Representation on Town Websites - completed in the Friends of Ashley Community Forest section.
7. Next Meeting - May 19th, Justin Morrill Homestead, 6:00 pm to 7:30pm. Following Meetings. June 9th (TSA High School, Sharon) and June 23rd (Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford) at the same time.
8. Other business.
 - a. Budget discussion tabled until next meeting. One has been drafted and will be looked at the next meeting. Currently just mowing. Potential to invest some of the available funds for the future. Needs to be part of the management plan to look at revenue streams.
 - b. Signs for the main trail. Sign at the entrance to the parking area needs to be changed, need to determine the language for this sign.

Motion to adjourn: Rob second: Erik - All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.